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**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR
DESIGN
PATENT APPLICATION
(37 CFR 1.63)**

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I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

BIODEGRADABLE COATED IMPLANT WITH CONTROLLED DEGRADATION

(Title of the Invention)

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OR

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Application Number PCT/EP2004/010077 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) 05/04/2006 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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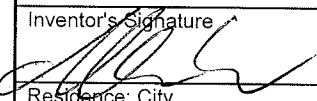
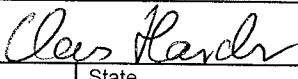
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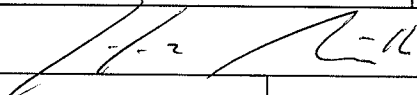
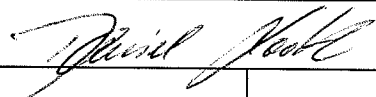
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